

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: _____ D. _____

Date: May 25, 2005

Topic: First Review of Timeline for the Review and Approval of the Revised Fine Arts Standards of Learning

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Origin:

____ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

____ Board review required by

☒ State or federal law or regulation

____ Board of Education regulation

____ Other: _____

☒ Action requested at this meeting ____ Action requested at future meeting:

Previous Review/Action:

☒ No previous board review/action

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Background Information:

The Board of Education adopted a schedule for review and revisions to the Standards of Learning at its September 28, 2000, meeting. Accordingly, the fine arts standards are scheduled for revision in 2006.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:1-2 By October 1, 2000, the Board of Education shall establish a regular schedule, in a manner it deems appropriate, for the review, and revision as may be necessary, of the Standards of Learning in all subject areas. Such review of each subject area shall occur at least once every seven years. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Board from conducting such review and revision on a more frequent basis.

Summary of Major Elements:

Using an established review process and criteria, the Department of Education plans a review of the current Standards of Learning for Fine Arts. Additionally, proposed standards for Drama III and IV will be drafted. A proposed timeline is attached.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the board waive first review and approve the timeline.

Impact on Resources:

The Department of Education administers the state standards review process. The agency's existing resources can absorb this responsibility at this time.

Timetable for Further Review/Action:

Upon approval, the Department of Education will provide information to all interested parties according to the attached timeline.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE FINE ARTS STANDARDS OF LEARNING

May 27, 2005	<p>A Superintendent's Memorandum is distributed that: announces the schedule of the review process; announces the availability of a Standards of Learning review/comment page on the Department of Education Web site; requests that division superintendents share information about the Web site with instructional staff; and requests that division superintendents submit nominations for review team members.</p> <p>The Department of Education posts on its Web site a Standards of Learning review/comment page for the 2000 Fine Arts Standards of Learning. The page will be active for 30 days.</p>
July 2005	<p>The Department of Education aggregates and conducts a preliminary analysis of the comments entered on the Web page.</p>
July-August 2005	<p>The Standards of Learning review team meets for two days to: analyze statewide Web page input; review national documents and reports as necessary; and make recommendations for potential changes.</p> <p>The theatre arts review team meets an additional two days to draft proposed Standards of Learning for Drama III and IV.</p>
August 2005	<p>The Department of Education prepares the review team's comments in a draft.</p>
September 2005	<p>The Department of Education and the steering committee (a subgroup of the review team) meet to discuss and review the draft Fine Arts Standards of Learning for first review by the Board of Education.</p>
October 2005	<p>The Department of Education presents the draft document to the board for first review.</p>
November 2005	<p>The proposed Standards of Learning document is distributed for public comment. The document is placed on the Virginia Department of Education Web site for review. One or more public hearings are held as prescribed by the Board of Education.</p>
February 2006	<p>The Superintendent of Public Instruction presents the proposed Fine Arts Standards of Learning to the Board of Education for final review and adoption. The final document is posted on the Department of Education Web site within three weeks of adoption.</p>
April 2006	<p>Printed copies of the approved Fine Arts Standards of Learning are distributed to K-12 schools and local school division central offices.</p>